

■ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION■

Monday, April 4, 2022– 6:00 p.m.

1515 W. Main St., St. Charles

City of St. Charles Police Department

D. Clavelli – Youth Commissioner, Treasurer*
J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner
A. Farinella – Youth Commissioner*
D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner*
L. Kristofer – Youth Commissioner, Secretary*
J. Muenz – Youth Commissioner, Chair*
D. Saylor – Youth Commissioner
J. Stock – Youth Commissioner*
J. Wallace – Youth Commissioner

M. Kramer, STC PD
E. Mahan, STC PD
J. Keegan, Chief of Police
L. Vitek, Mayor
STC Aldermen
H. McGuire, City Administrator
J. Bruggeman, STC Park District*
N. Chaney, STC Library*
J. O’Neal, TriCity
M. Clark, TriCity
P. Palagi, D303*

***Attended meeting**

- I. Meeting called to order @ 6:01 p.m.
- II. Approval of the minutes from the March 2022 meeting. Commissioner Kelly made a motion and Commissioner Clavelli seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Commissioner Clavelli
 - A. Current balance: \$0 in funding requests as all been awarded for this fiscal year.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Funding Requests
 - a. St. Charles East Junior and Senior Class Councils – motion made by Chairperson Muenz to table this application until the May meeting due to the fact there are no more funds to award in this fiscal year; seconded by Commissioner Kristopher; motion carried unanimously.
- V. Correspondence – none
- VI. Presentations – none
- VII. Reports
 - A. Liaison Reports
 - i. D303 Schools – Patti Palagi
 - a. Cindy Reusch will be replacing Patti as the school district liaison.
 - b. An Ecker survey will be coming out next week to assess substance use/abuse.
 - c. State testing begins tomorrow.
 - d. The D303 superintendent search process is following the timeline. The new person will likely be named at the April school board meeting.
 - ii. Park District – Jennifer Bruggeman
 - a. *Friday Live* for 3rd – 6th graders is held at PCC. The last event of the season is coming up with an invitation for 2nd graders to attend.
 - b. Fifth graders are invited to the Teen Center to check out their programming.

- c. The St. Charles Park District is the largest employer of youth in our community.
- d. As an incentive, employees this summer will be getting a free seasonal NRC membership.
- e. The Pauly D. Foundation is not able to fund free swim lessons this year due to COVID.
- f. Free lunch program students do qualify for free swim lessons.
- g. Summer camp enrollment numbers are higher than they have been in the last several years.
- h. Youth Commission-funded events have been well attended.

iii. Police Department – absent

- a. Chairperson Muenz provided a brief report on behalf of Officer Kramer.

iv. Library – Nick Chaney

- a. The number of visitors to The Loft are up again after the library's closure.
- b. Volunteer hours are available for students in the community. The opportunity is open to middle and high school students.

v. TriCity Family Services – absent

B. Outreach Sub-Committee Report – none

C. Student Consultant Committee Report

- i. We need more than ten members to have a decent sized group each month. We are looking at changing the 2-year term limit to extend the term of some of our current members.
- ii. Prom prep and planning has been very exciting.
- iii. College prep is also exciting and challenging with campus visits and standardized testing. Now that many schools are “testing optional” some students feel it isn't necessary to try as hard to do well.
- iv. The junior class Student Council at St. Charles East helped with four charity events a year.
- v. At STC North, April and May activities are in full swing. It is a busy time. Most notably, the St. Charles North Superstars event was held in the evening with the option for community members to attend.

VIII. Old Business

A. Update on Display Windows

- i. Commissioner Clavelli will call to confirm the date. Students are making great progress on the design.

B. Ongoing marketing – none

- C. Impact Award - Letters will be sent out to the recipients this week inviting them to attend the award ceremony at City Council on April 18, 2022.

IX. Announcements

- A. Officer elections will be held at the May meeting.
- B. Chairperson Muenz will be giving a presentation to the City Council on May 16, 2022 sharing updates about what our group has done this year. Student consultants will be invited to attend.

X. Public Comment – none

XI. Adjournment

- A. Chairperson Muenz made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm; Commissioner Stock seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Park District's Underground Teen Center (lower level of the Baker Community Center; 101 S. 2nd St. in St. Charles).

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lara Kristofer, Youth Commissioner